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CLEAN-UP SALE AT J. V. BERSCHT'S

We have decided to give the public another opportunity to get goods at AUCTION PRICES on Monday, Feb. 20th at 2 o'clock, and evening at 7:30.

WE HAVE FINISHED TAKING STOCK AND FIND IT STILL TOO LARGE

The lines we will put on sale consist of the following goods: Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Trousers. Sheep Lined Coats, Overcoats with Fur Collars, Mackinaw JACKETS, Fur Overcoats, Smoking JACKETS, Old Vests, Sweaters, Working Shirts, Toques, Wool and Fleece Underwear, 20 doz. Gray Socks, Men's Suspenders, Mitts, Gloves, Crammer Socks, Wool and Silk Mufflers, Felt Slippers, Wool Mitts and Gloves. Felt Shoes with Felt Soles and Heels.

10 Doz. Men's fine Negligee Shirts will be offered in the evening.

This will be our LAST sale for this season at which we offer you goods at your own price—they are going regardless of cost.

We invite you to attend.

C. B. SEXSMITH
Auctioneer.

J. V. BERSCHT,
Proprietor.

AROUND THE TOWN

W. Rubra of Carstairs was a visitor in town on Monday.

Miss Ora Brown of Toronto is visiting her sister Mrs. J. Lang.

Isaac Gross of Waterloo, Ont., is visiting friends in Didsbury for a few days.

J. M. Reed paid a business visit to Lacombe on Monday, returning on Tuesday.

C. R. Richart who conducted a barber shop in Carstairs for some time has opened up in the Alexander hotel, Didsbury.

J. M. Reed, the local agent for the Occidental Fire Insurance Co. has received word that the insurance on the Methodist church, which was burned down recently, will be paid in full.

Mr. J. B. Detwiler left on Monday to spend a few days at Regina and from there will attend the S. S. Convention at Austin, Man., after which he will visit in Winnipeg for a few days.

Rev. W. E. Christmas, divine healer of Oxbow, Sask., will be a visitor at Wm Rupp's over Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18th and 19th. If any person wishes to see him he invites them to call on him.

Mr and Mrs. G. B. Wiltsie of Lone Pine left on Tuesday for a visit to California. Mr. Wiltsie has been ill health for some time and the trip is being taken for his benefit. His many friends in this district will hope for his speedy recovery.

A dance and baby show will be held in the Fallen Timber School house on Friday, Feb. 17th. The proceeds will go towards buying a new organ for the school. The baby show promises to be pretty good; they say that Fallen Timber babies are hard to beat.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sykes, who live on the Moyle farm, received word this week that their daughter Grace (Mrs. S. McGrath) of Rosebank, Man., was very ill. Mr. Sykes left on Tuesday to visit her. The last telegram received stated that she was a little better. Mr. and Mrs. McGrath were residents of Didsbury for some years.

Two interesting hockey games will be played next week, one between Bankers and Clerks vs. single men on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 the other on Friday afternoon between married men and winners of Tuesday's game. This is for the Berschty trophy which is now held by the single men.

The Editor of The Pioneer had the pleasure of an automobile ride in Mr. Johnathan Good's new car which he has just purchased from Gaddies & Findlay. The car is a McLaughlin two passenger-fourteen horse power and besides being a very attractive appearing car is made to stand the rough prairie roads, being built compact, and weighing 1800 pounds. Mr. Good says he had a splendid opportunity to test it on the drive home from Calgary where it came through as much as two feet of snow in places, doing very excellent work.

SPRING IS COMING and we would like to draw your attention to the different articles that you may be in need of:

Nails, Rope, Fence Wire of different kinds, Lumber, Cement Building Paper

and last but not least a FIRST CLASS McCORMICK GRAIN DRILL, LAND PACKER, or maybe a GASOLINE PLOWING OUTFIT.

Yours truly,

C. HIEBERT & CO.

Great Shoe Sale at Bill Bailey's

I will sell shoes, leather caps, overshoes; everything from Misses' to Men's, in all kinds and styles, also Mitts and Gloves.

These will go at half prices such as
\$5.00 shoes for \$2.50
4.00 " " 2.00
3.00 " " 1.50
2.00 " " 1.00
1.00 " " .50
75c " " .40

Now these goods are all perfectly new. No old stock and no remarking.

These prices are for cash or produce at cash prices.

I have seven pound boxes of raisins which I will sell at 50c per box.

Don't forget
BILL BAILEY
Has the goods

Ask for

SANITOL

TOOTH AND TOILET PREPARATIONS

fifteen in the family,
all good



H. W. CHAMBERS.

UNION BANK OF CANADA

Capital, Rest and Undivided Profits \$6,000,000

Total Assets over \$46,000,000

Spend the Balance

Don't spend all you like and save the balance if there is any.

Save what you know you should then spend the rest.

The difference, in a few years, will be the difference between poverty and independence.

Open a Savings Account now, in this Bank. It will make the saving easier.

DIDSUBRY BRANCH:

F. N. Ballard, Manager
CARSTAIRS BRANCH:

Ed. Macgregor, Manager

STOCK-TAKING

Watch for ad.

next week.

Reitzel & Kalbfleisch



PORK.

Fresh Meats

Chops, Veal Cutlets, Mutton, Pork, Steaks, Fresh Sausage

Orders delivered to any part of town

We buy HOGS and POULTRY live or dressed at any time, delivered when ordered.

HIGHEST CASH PRICE PAID FOR BEEF HIDES

Didsbury Meat Market

N. WEICKER, Prop.



THAT NEW HOUSE

You intend building will be all right if it's started right. First lay a good foundation and then

BUY YOUR LUMBER US

You needn't be an expert to see the difference lumber. A walk through our yard convinces anyone the lumber is superior. It's not only good, but the best. Our lumber and prices get us the business.

D.S. SHANTZ & CO

Know From Experience

Wife—"O, George, the water pipe is leaking and the water is spoiling the new carpet. Go and get a plumber, quick."

Husband—"That's all right; my dear, let it leak; it's cheaper to get a new carpet."

ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS

And find out if you have kidney disease.

—Are you having this test?

Have you pains in the back over the kidneys?

Have you urinary disorders?

Do you suffer from severe headaches or loss of defective eyesight?

Is the skin dry and harsh?

Are you failing in health and strength and suffering from rheumatic pains? Are you fatigued easily?

There are a few of the symptoms of kidney disease, and here is the test.

If the urine, after standing for twenty-four hours, is cloudy, milky or has a strong, faintish smell, or if there is a sediment in the bottom of the vessel, your kidneys are diseased.

There is no time to lose in beginning the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills. Delay means the development of Bright's Disease, and you don't want that. Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills will help you more quickly than any treatment you can obtain and that is one reason why they are so popular.

Mr. W. H. Mosher, South Augusta, Grenville County, Ont., writes: "I used Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills and firmly believe there is nothing equal to them. I was troubled for years with kidney disease, and this treatment has cured me. When I began to take of these pills every day, I could not walk from my bed to a chair. Now I can go to the field and work like any other man. Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills are an excellent medicine. This treatment is certified to by the Rev. E. H. Emett, Baptist minister, of Brockville, Ont."

Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills, a pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmundson, Bates and Co., Toronto. The portrait and signature of A. W. Chase, M.D., the famous Beechwood author, are on every box. These are for your protection against imitations and substitutes.

Sandy McPherson, in a moment of abstraction, put half a crown in the collection plate last Sunday in mistake for a penny, and since expected to be called a fool for the best way of making up for it.

"No, I might stay away from the kirk till the spell was over, but I'll never do that again," he said, "and the time's coming when I'll be a fool again."

Soft ears are difficult to eradicate but Honeys' Corn Cure will draw them out painlessly.

"Fine old inn, sir," commented the host, "but everything in this house has its story."

"I don't doubt it," remarked the grouchy tourist. "And there are any legends connected with this old piece of cheese?" Kathas City, Ont.

PILLES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS

Your doctor will find today if DRA. WILLIAMS' PILLS will cure any case of Itching, Blains, Bleeding or Prouting Pills in 6 to 14 days. \$6.

"Your friend is rather indicate," remarked Mrs. Womble. "Says he gave her husband some panadas for Christmas."

"What's wrong with that?"

"I would think of mentioning sleeping-garments in public."

The Nova Scotia "Lumber King" says:

"I consider MINARD'S LINIMENT the BEST liniment in use."

I lost my foot badly injured lately. I bathed it well with MINARD'S LINIMENT and it was as well as ever next day. Yours very truly,

T. G. McMULLEN

There is an American statesman who is very proud with his age. He rarely finds anything that he can get some one else to do the spending for him.

One morning he was walking down the street with a friend, and they met a beggar who had a tale of woe that was amazing. The statesman listened and asked some questions.

Then he turned to his friend and said: "John, this kid's story affects me greatly. Give him a dollar."

The Friend of All Sufferers, like to the statesman, is MINARD'S LINIMENT. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil to all those who suffer from Itching, Blains, Bleeding and Prouting Pills. It relieves it by stilling suffering everywhere. It is a liniment that has the blessing of half a century behind it, and it can be found wherever required for use.

"You'll have to hurry up that battleship," said the big manufacturer. "Is there going to be a war?"

"No, but it's our business etiquette to deliver it before this year's model goes out of style."

BUY COCKSHUTT DRILLS

LIGHT IN DRAFT-SEED ACCURATELY.

The Flight of Time

"It's three months since I saw you last."

The one who met her plainly states,

Says she: "Can that be possible?

It's awful how times aviates."

GOOD HEALTH FOR RUN DOWN MEN

If You Are Weak and Easily Tired Try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

Anemia is a state into which one falls because the blood is poor, weak and watery. The man or woman who has not enough blood is pale, languid, easily tired and easily depressed. Symptoms show themselves, and the life of the sufferer is one of misery. Anemia opens the door to consumption, neuritis, neurasthenia, the whole body is weakened and unable to resist the invasions of disease. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the best remedy for the cure of anemia, and all its attendant miseries. They make the blood rich, red and plump; thus bringing the dependent mind to work, to work, dependent mind and woman. We do not know of any single case of anemia where Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have failed to bring about a rapid recovery. Mr. John Hastings, Vesta, Sask., was a victim of this trouble and found no help through Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He went to work on a railway, driving a team and found himself gradually running down. I did not pay much attention to it at first, but soon I began to lose my appetite and weight was a trial to get through my day's work. I was afraid to tell my employer on the works, but it did not help me, and finally I got so bad I told the foreman I would have to quit. The foreman said, "I'll give you a week to get some medicine that would soon make me all right." That night he went to town and bought me three boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had not taken more than two boxes when I began to feel better, and after I had used five boxes I was as well as ever, and could do my job. I may just add that before I began taking the Pills I was so run down that I weighed only 122 pounds, now I weigh 145 pounds. I get along now, I cannot say too much in favor of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and strongly recommend them to all run down men.

You can get these Pills through any medicine dealer or by mail at \$2.50 cents a box or six boxes for \$12.50 from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

There are only eleven periodic comets of which the return has been observed.

Dangerous

She—What man you loved another, don't you know it has only prepared me for the greater, higher love I have for you?

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I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU
LISTEN

A full line of **Massey-Harris Machinery** coming direct from the factory, including
DRILLS, DISCHARROWS, PLOWS
and the **FAIRFIELD OLD GASOLINE ENGINES FROM 1-2 TO 20 HORSE POWER**

Also agents for
SAWYER-MASSAY THRESHING MACHINERY, ENGINE PLOWS, ROAD GRADERS and OHIO GASOLINE TRACTION PLOW ENGINES FROM 20 TO 70 HORSE POWER

Auctioneering Money to Loan **G. B. Sexsmith**

GADDES-FINDLAY, LTD.

Established Real Estate, Loan and Insurance men. Money to Loan on Town Property and Farm Lands at Lowes Current Rates of Interest; Least Expense to Borrower

320 acres, 6 miles from town, 110 acres new breaking in first-class shape for seed; good spring; close to school. Easy terms. Inquire about this. Town property to exchange for farm land.

In 1910 we turned a quarter of a million dollars worth of property, consequently we have a long list of satisfied buyers.

They are making inquiries for their friends who will be coming in the spring and summer. Let us have your listings. Costs you nothing; does not exclude you from listing with other agents.

GADDES-FINDLAY, LTD.

A Complete Wood Working plant. A single spoke or an entire wagon built to your order.

Interfering and forging etc., treated on scientific principles. Fancy horse shoeing is our special pride.

SINCLAIR BROS.

General Blacksmiths, Expert Shoers and Up-to-date Mechanical Methods

Discs sharpened and tyres set while you wait.

Our specialty is fine carriage and buggy repairs.

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Headquarters for

Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Stoves, Tinware, Furnaces, Wall Papers, Sherwin-Williams Paints, Deering Machinery, John Deere Implements

Job Work a Specialty

Call in and see our National Canada Stoves

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Farm Values and Wages in Canada

Ottawa, February 6.—The Census Monthly for January says that values and wages in Canada make a good record for 1910. The total value of live stock on the farm is \$593,768,000, which is \$34,979,000 more than in 1909. The price per head of horses is \$132.50 as against \$130.72 in 1909, of milch cows \$42.60 against \$36.36, of other cattle \$30.90 against \$28.81, and of sheep \$5.60 against \$5.89. Swine alone show a drop in average price, being \$11.30 per head against \$11.80. The total value of horses is \$203,988,000 for last year against \$278,789,000 for 1909, of milch cows \$121,613,000 against \$121,601,000, of other cattle \$131,781,000 against \$126,326,000 and of sheep \$15,819,000 against \$15,735,000. The value of swine however fell from \$34,368,000 in 1909 to \$31,157,000 in 1910.

The highest average price of horses was in Saskatchewan, of milk cows, other horned cattle and sheep in Ontario, and of swine in Quebec. Horses, 3 years old and over reached the highest price in British Columbia where the average was \$225. Swine, per 100 lbs. live weight ranged from \$6.50 in Manitoba to \$9.62 in Quebec. The price of unashed wool was 18 cents in 1910 and 17 cents in 1909, and of washed wool 24 cents for each year.

The average value of occupied farm land in the Dominion was \$84.85 per acre or 15 cents less than for the previous year. This was the highest in British Columbia, where the cost of clearing is heavy and the land is largely occupied for fruit growing, the average being \$74 per acre or \$9 cents more than in the previous year. Ontario comes next with \$48 per acre, which is \$2 less than in 1909.

Farmer help for the summer season shows an average of \$15.45 per month for males and \$20.70 for females, counting board, as compared with \$13.60 and \$19.63 respectively in the previous year. Men have an average of \$147.10 and females \$109.69 per year counting board, as against \$130.50 and \$90.63 respectively for 1909.

The highest prices per month in summer are paid in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, where they are \$10 and over for males, counting board. The average rate of board per month ranges from \$8 for males and \$6 for females in Prince Edward Is. and \$20 and \$17 respectively per month in British Columbia.

The rates and wages and board are quoted for the farm, where males are employed on the land and females in the house. They are averages computed from a large number of returns by farmers to the Census Office.

Didsbury School

REPORT FOR JANUARY

No teaching days school was open during month, 21.

August 1st Present

Room 1..... \$81.5 27.6 70.7

Room 2..... 666.5 31.73 79.42

Room 3..... 473.5 20.78 76.99

1/4 per School 537 20.82 76.95

Standard IV Ruby, William Gibson

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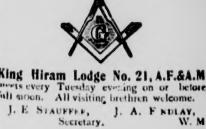
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AUCTION SALES
to be conducted by
G. B. Sexsmith, Auctioneer

Elias Meek, 5 miles northeast of Didsbury, on March 2nd.

Malcolm McLennan, 13 miles east of Didsbury, 3 miles east of Neapolis, on Feb. 22nd.

Hang Bros., about six miles straight east of Didsbury, on March 14th.

C. W. & B. L. LaRoiy, Sec. 12, T. 31, R. 24,

4 1/2 miles east, 2 miles south of Three Hills P. O., one-half mile west of Rycroft P. O., on March 8th. Sale at 11 o'clock.

Graves & Henderson, 7 miles east, 1 mile north of Didsbury, on Feb. 1, 7 miles east, 1 mile north of Didsbury.

P. P. Johnson, on Feb. 28th, 4 miles east of Didsbury.

Russell Bros., Ward White Farm, 2 miles west and 7 miles north of Didsbury, on Friday, Feb. 24th.

John L. Williams, 2 miles north and 2 miles west of Didsbury, on Feb. 23, 1911. Sale commences at 11 o'clock.

S. E. and C. W. Franklin, 15 miles west of Castrols and 2 miles north and 1 mile west of Cremona, on Friday, March 3, 1911. Sale at 11 o'clock.

Cattle Brands

All persons retaining cattle should flag a quarter circle under on left ribs, and brand 3 anchors, quarter circle over on right ribs, and wattle on cheek, are requested to report to the office of the Didsbury Journal, Westgate Hall, Didsbury, Alta.

Any person having cattle branded on left hip notify R. C. Oldham, Neapolis.

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Extra good dry poplar wood, stove length, 10 to 18 inches. Apply to

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Cures Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough.

• THE • FOUR FINGERS

By FRED M. WHITE,

Author of

The Crimson Blind; The Cardinal
Moth; The Weight of the Crown;
The Corner House; The Slaves of
Silence; Craven Fortune; The
Fatal Dose; Netta.

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"That was what I may call the first act in the drama." Venner went on. "Fenwick's widow was beginning to forget all about the startling incident, when, one night, at the same time, and in just the same circumstances, came that wild, pitiful yell for assistance outside the Dutchman's farm. 'Ha' mad with dread and terror, the woman sat there, shivering. She did not dare to go outside now, she knew how futile such an act would be. Also, she knew quite well what was in store for her in the morning. She sat up all that night in a state bordering on madness. I mean to tell you, my intelligence, my dear fellow by asking you to guess what she found on the doorstep in day light."

"Of course, I can guess," said Gordon. "Beyond all question, it was the third finger of the Dutchman's hand."

"Quite so," Venner explained. "I need not elaborate my story, but here you have it. How it happened is this: the second finger of the hand appeared in the same sensational circumstances, and how, at the end of a year, the four fingers were completed. Let me add, however, that even in the amazing fact that this mine was called the Four Finger Mine for more than a century before these strange things happened."

"It was certainly an extraordinary thing," Fenwick muttered. "I don't think I ever listened to a weirder tale. And the Dutch woman can tell us to her heart's content, I suppose, as being a fitting end to the story. I suppose it came from her lips."

"She didn't confess, of course, that she had no right to come near me," Venner explained. "Of course, certain neighbors knew something of what was going on, but they never knew that she had been born after the appearance of the last finger. Mrs. Van Fort went stark raving mad. She lived for a few days, and at the end of that time her body was found floating in the water of her house. That is the story of the Four Finger Mine so far as it goes, though I should like to add that, if we may say so, the last chapter yet. Now, you are observing people—can you notice anything peculiar in the appearance of Fenwick's fingers?"

Gordon shook his head steadily. It was quite evident that he had not noticed anything out of the common in the appearance of the millionaire. Venner proceeded to explain.

"Let me tell you this," he said. "When I married my wife, we were within an easy ride of the locality where the Four Finger Mine is situated. Mind you, our marriage was secret, and we were poor, but the boy was still in ignorance of it, though, of course, he was fully aware of the fact that I had more than a passing acquaintance with Venus. We were merely trying to live by the sweat of our brows, this is to say, of necessity. At this little point that I am going to make, it is more than probable that, when I stumbled upon Fenwick and the girl, who were forsoothed, he also was in search of the Four Finger Mine. When he came in to-night he, of course, recognised me, though I treated him as an absolute stranger who had met me for the first time. You will see presently why I treated him in this fashion. I am glad I spoke to him, because I noticed a slight tremor in his left hand, a dead lead of light upon the mystery. Now did I escape your observation, or did you notice that Fenwick took the box I gave him in his right hand?"

"He does not seem to have said a little thing like that would be almost too trivial for the typical detective of the cheap story."

"All the same, it is very important, and you know it. He took the box in his right hand; he made as if to extend his left, then suddenly changed his mind, and put it in his pocket. He must go to the bottom of this business, I am sure."

"That is precisely what we are going to do," Venner said grimly. "I am glad you are so quick in taking up the point. When I noted the loss of the ring, I was really staggered for moment. If he had been less agitated than he was, Fenwick would have guessed what I had seen. But he did not say a word when last saw Fenwick his left hand was as sound as yours or mine. The inference of this is, that Fenwick has fallen under the spell of the same strange woman that exerted her influence on his wife. There is not the slightest doubt that he discovered the mine, and that he has not yet paid the penalty for his temerity."

"I presume the woman is coming," Gordon said. "What a creepy sort of idea it is, that terrible vengeance reaching across a continent in such a sinister fashion. But don't forget

that we know something as to the way in which this thing is to be brought about. Don't forget the cripple who sat at yonder table to-night." "I am not going to forget him," Venner observed. "And the more because he evidently knows more about this matter than we do ourselves. When he came here to-night, he little dreamt that this was the only room, at least, who had a fairly good knowledge of the Four Finger Mystery. We shall have to look him out, and when we do, force him to speak. But it is a delicate affair, I fear, as I can see, one not unattended with danger."

Gordon smoked in thoughtful silence for some little time, thinking the strange thing over in his mind. Then he dwelt upon it, the more will and dramatic did it seem to him. "I am sure it will bring you favor," he said, presently. "The mysterious cripple with the handsome face is evidently a deadly enemy of Fenwick, and when she shall address him again to receive that offer, provided we put it in the right way."

"I am not so sure of that," Venner said. "At any rate, we must not give up in our efforts without thinking the thing out carefully and thoroughly. Our crippled friend is evidently a fanatic in his way, and does not let us know it. He is the little man who played the part of the waiter to deal with. I am sorry I did not carry off that like-mindedness with such aplomb; but inaducacy is certainly a force to be reckoned with."

Gordon rose from his seat with a smile. "I have got time to kill," he said. "It was time to go to bed. It was long past twelve now; the hotel was gradually retiring to rest. The Grand Empress was such a sort of house to go to, that the friendly atmosphere, and usually within an hour of the closing of the theatres, the whole of the vast building was wrapped in

"I think I will get off now," Gordon said. "Come and lunch with me to-morrow, and then you can tell me something about your own romance, and sort of night life it waited."

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(To be continued.)

"I suppose, Jennie, you wouldn't want to go to the concert

THE PIONEER, DIDSBURY, ALBERTA.

C.P.R. WINS TAX CASE

VICTORY MEANS MUCH TO THE RAILWAY COMPANY

Prairie Provinces Will Have no Right to Tax C. P. R. Lands Until Twenty Years After Patents Have Been Issued—Would Have Meant Millions of Dollars in Taxes If Previous Had Won Case.

LONDON.—Judgment has been given by the Privy Council in the important case of the Minister of Public Works of the Province of Alberta against the C. P. R., respondents, with the Attorney-general of Saskatchewan intervening.

This was a test case regarding the exemption of C. P. R. lands from taxation, and resulted in a victory for the railway company, since the case being dismissed without costs. Their lordships held that unoccupied C. P. R. lands were not taxable until twenty years after the date of the letters patent to the settlers, even should there be a delay of many years on their part in taking out those letters patent.

They also held that C. P. R. land sold on the instalment plan are not taxable until all the instalments are paid.

EDMONTON.—Sydney Woods, K.C., counsel for the province in the C. P. R. land case, made the following statement:

"The decision of the privy council against the province in the C. P. R. land case places the province right back where it was when we started the action three years ago."

"The province will have no right to tax C. P. R. lands until 20 years after patent have been issued by the Dominion government."

"It is my understanding that many of these patents have been issued, so that the 20 years term is now running, and in regard to the majority of the C. P. R. land it will mean an exemption of about 15 years from now."

"The Dominion government has never, so far as I know, taxed the railway company to take out patent only when they sold the land, but I believe that it has now taken out most of the C. P. R. land."

The C. P. R. lands case was heard early during November before the judicial committee of the privy council composed of Lord McNaughton, Lord Somers, Lord Balfour, Lord Atkinson and Lord Robson.

Danckwerts, K.C., and S. B. Woods, K.C. with Hammar and Horowitz, appeared for the province, while Sir Robert Follett, J. S. Ewart, K.C. (Ottawa), A. R. Creelman, K.C. (Montreal), Stewart Turner, K.C. (Winnipeg) and George Jeffrey Lameau, K.C. (Calgary) argued for the C. P. R. and it was in this case that judgment was delivered.

After conducting the cases for the Province of Alberta and Saskatchewan, S. B. Woods, deputy attorney-general for Alberta, returned to Edmonton and did not leave.

The case, which had been decided in favor of the provinces, would have meant millions of money in the tax from the C. P. R. The case was instigated in Alberta, but three years ago Mr. G. W. C. Cross, then attorney-general for Alberta, returned to Edmonton and did not leave.

The smaller of the two cases, in which the prairie provinces and the C. P. R. figure was dismissed without expense to the defendant. Judgment was reserved on the larger case, which depended on the interpretation of the word "sold" in section 16 of the agreement between the government and the C. P. R. and it was in this case that judgment was delivered.

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The case was first decided by Hon. Justice Beck on Jan. 10, 1910, against the provinces, and that decision was upheld by the appeal court in Ottawa on Jan. 21. An order in council was then secured from the imperial court giving the provinces the right to appeal the case direct to the privy council.

MILLIONS STARVING IN CHINA
Children Being Sold by Hundreds In Struggle for Food—Conditions Will Become Worse

Nanking, China.—Thousands of people are being sold by Chinese families in their struggle for food, said missionaries recently from the famine districts of Kiangsu and An-hui provinces.

Tales of suffering, almost unbelievable, in their degree of horror, are recounted by those engaged in relief work. More than 100,000 families are without food, shelter or clothing. It is estimated that 2,500,000 are affected by the famine, and the certainty that conditions will grow worse for several months.

In the rare districts, the uneducated live like animals, sleeping in mud in the unheated railway beds with little or no clothing.

The famine is due to the flooding of the valley of the Hua-ho river and its tributaries. No crops were gathered last summer. Even the simplest food is lacking.

No Weakening of Bonds
London.—Lord Strathearn, interviewed regarding the reciprocity agreement, stated that in no sense will it affect the present weakening of the bonds uniting Canada and the empire. The arrangement on the Canadian side applies to articles obtained mainly from the United States, while the Canadian reductions are comparatively small.

EXPERT MAKES CROP ESTIMATE Winter Wheat Prospects in Alberta Are Declared to be Excellent

Winnipeg.—"I estimate that the total should be 330,000 acres," said Thomas Acheson, general grain agent of the C. P. R., when speaking of the prospects of the winter wheat crop for 1911. Mr. Acheson has just returned from an inspection tour west, and his conclusions are drawn from the conditions which he has witnessed.

"Starting at Calgary," he said, "I examined fields of winter wheat from there to the American border. I spent most of the time in the south, the west and the north, here and there, and also the chief danger of damage, but I gave the north country a fair examination, having driven out in the course of five different points north of Calgary."

"I estimate that the total should be 330,000 acres, the additional 43,000 acres being added to the Carlton, Piney Creek, High River, North Macleod and Lethbridge districts, or 15,000 acres to be added to the Carlton district, 15,000 to the Pincher Creek district, and the balance to be added to the other mentioned districts."

"Hon. A. J. MacLean, who is the best authority in the south, says that I am right in my estimate and not an acre above the mark."

As against this 330,000 acres now in crop, the 1910 crop 138,570 acres, it is reported approximately 115,000 acres."

Mr. Acheson continued: "In the north country the winter wheat fall was very difficult to see much of the wheat. In fact it could only be done by going through the fields and uncovering the grain in different places in the snow."

"I found in every wheat field which I examined without exception a good deal of snow, and in some cases three and a half inches high, quite strong and healthy."

"All the south country, however, where there were high winds which not only cleared off the snow, but in the lighter land blew off the soil, leaving the wheat buried in the ground, the yield will be comparatively easy."

Other subcontractors who have been given stock contracts in their outfit within the next few weeks. A great deal of construction can be done during the winter months.

G.T.P. RUSHING WORK

LINE TO BE COMPLETED WEST OF SUMMIT THIS SEASON

Active Construction Work Progress on the Transcontinental — Large Construction Camps Being Established at Base of Operations in the Mountains—Over 3,000 Men to be Employed.

Edmonton.—The main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, extending from the west coast to Peter Jaume Cache, 47 miles west of the summit of the Rocky mountains, in the Yellowhead Pass, is progressing rapidly. The work of this, the western end of the line, is also the chief danger of damage, but I gave the north country a fair examination, having driven out in the course of five different points north of Calgary."

"It is the expectation of Messrs. Foley, Welsh and Stewart to complete their contract to Peter Jaume Cache by the middle of October, and to extend this to the summit of the pass by the end of November. The association will then commence to ship outfitts and men west to the camps that they have established in the mountains. For the season's work they will require 3,000 men."

Active construction has already begun on the road west of Edmonton, the contractors according to Mr. C. H. Carter, one of the subcontractors on the line. The has a sub of 12 miles on the line, the contractor will be in and in view, already commencing to ship outfitts and men west to the camps that they have established in the mountains. For the season's work they will require 3,000 men."

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FOR ALBERTA UNIVERSITY

Chancellor Stuart Was Re-elected Without Any Opposition

Edmonton.—Mr. Justice Stuart, of Calgary, who has been chancellor of the University of Alberta since its incorporation, was reappointed to that position by acclamation and will hold it for a period of four years.

January 31 was the date for the closing of nominations of candidates for the university's chancellor, president and vice-chancellor for the Senate. The seats are to be vacated to be filled. Five out of the first ten who receive the highest number of votes will be elected for a period of four years while the fifth and highest will hold office for two years.

Lists of the nominees, together with ballots, will be sent to about 400 members of the corporation in Alberta.

The election will be held at Edmonton when all the ballot boxes have been turned over to the registrar of the university at Strathcona Hall.

The nominees are the names of those who have been nominated to stand for election as members of the senate:

J. F. Bishop, barrister, Edmonton; J. F. Boyce, inspector of schools; Red Deer; Dr. Oliver Boyd, Medicine Hat; Tremblay, Wikson, Melancthon, St. Albert; W. D. Brown, Edmonton; Dr. W. E. Galbraith, Lethbridge; James McCaig, superintendent of schools, Edmonton; E. W. Newcombe, Calgary; A. J. Niven, Lethbridge; C. A. Rutherford, barrister, Strathcona; H. C. Taylor, judge of the district court, Edmonton; Geo. Hartnett, former minister of education, Strathcona Hill; W. G. Hutton, director of the experimental farm, Lacombe; F. Morrison, Vegreville; L. A. Smith, inspector of schools, Calgary.

CIRCUIT NO. 6

Strome, September 6.

Leddy, September 12.

Cochrane, September 13.

Saskatchewan, September 15.

Three Hills, September 19.

Milverton, September 20.

Olds, September 21.

Red Deer, September 26.

Alix, September 27.

Lacombe, September 28.

Ponoka, September 3.

Camrose, October 3.

Langdon, October 10.

CIRCUIT NO. 7

Bowden, October 3.

Didsbury, October 4.

Prudis, October 4.

Glenbow, October 5.

CIRCUIT NO. 8

Caster, September 26, 27.

Stettler, September 28, 29.

U. S. GETS AFTER FILIBUSTER

Stands Guard on the Boundary Line of the Republic of Mexico

Washington.—A recent revolution along the Mexican border recently moved the American government to rush twelve additional troops of cavalry to the frontier to preserve order and maintain the peace of the United States. The American military forces will prevent not only the movement of revolutionary bands, but will also prohibit rebels from seeking refuge on United States territory.

This action was based upon strong representations from the American government to effect that armed bands of revolutionaries have been entering Mexico from isolated places along the southern boundary of the United States for the purpose of raiding American territory and then retreating Mexico again. In reply to the protests of Mexico, the United States government agreed that every means will be employed with a neutral attitude of the United States.

JAPAN WANTS BIGGER NAVY

Araiwa, That U. S. Will Have a Larger Navy in the Pacific

Vancouver, B.C.—Japanese papers

recently have been issued by Leader Oishi

of the popular party, demanding another high increase in navy.

The Japanese editor takes

view to preventing any violation of a neutral attitude of the United States.

THE WESTERN GRANIT BEAT ALL AMERICA

Calgary.—A telegram has been received from the Western Granite Co. announcing that J. C. Hill & Sons of Lethbridge, had captured the silver trophy sweepstakes, value \$100 for the best peck of oats at the National Corn show now in progress at Columbus, Ohio.

The reserve sweepstakes for the best peck of wheat was won by Norman Chaney, of Davis, Saskatchewan.

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Hams, No. 1	12.50
Mutton, dressed	12.15
Chickens, spring	0.15
Golds, green	0.04
Hides, green	0.08
Hides, dry flint	0.08
Butter, choice	0.25
Eggs	0.35
Potatoes, bushel	1.00
Hay, No. 1, round	15.00
Hay, timothy, No. 1	15.00
Green feed	0.68
Wheat, No. 1 red	0.68
Wheat, No. 1 white	0.71
Wheat, No. 1 northern	0.50
Wheat, No. 1 feed	0.57
Barley	0.37
Oats	0.30

Water Polo Instead of Hockey

The hockey game between the Didsbury and the Calgary teams on home ice was somewhat of a disappointment to the large crowd of fans present, not altogether because the home team was a little under the weather but the game was exceedingly slow on account of the slush ice.

The Calgary's brought along the strongest aggregation they could lay hands on, including the ringers Clark and Sutherland, to beat the Didsbury team and they succeeded to the tune of 6-0 but (there is always a but somewhere) if Clark had been in any other position than goal the tale would have been different—that Clark is some goal keeper all right and he does not have to depend on pads to keep 'em out either.

The first goal was made by Calgary four minutes after play started and they put one in every once in awhile to keep things warm in spite of the Didsbury rushes.

Didsbury played a fairly good game considering conditions. Capt. Weichel was under the weather and in no fit condition to be on the ice, but pluckily held out until the end of the game. Fox the goal tender was certainly in the poorest form he has been in this season and sad to relate that he let quite a few go through that the fans considered should not have had a chance.

The Calgary's tried their combination work but it was usually forestalled by the Didsbury puck chasers and the goals were generally made by individual work.

The fact that Calgary team had brought along the Strathearn men and that the Didsbury team would be awarded the game under a protest perhaps helped to make the score.

A protest was entered with the A. A. H. A. executive on Saturday, an account of chequing accounts on the part of the Didsbury team.

The action was not taken until the management of the local team considered the question thoroughly in regard to the recent ruling at the executive meeting of the A. A. H. A.

Meeting at Red Deer, and is upheld by all the local lovers of clean sport.

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The line up:

Didsbury	Calgary
Fox.....Goal	Clark.....Goal
Hart.....Point	White.....Point
Weichel.....C. Point	Kent.....C. Point
Todd.....Gutter	McMurchie.....Gutter
Heard.....R. Wing	Lowe.....L. Wing
Cookley.....L. Wing	Sutherland.....Sutherland

DIDSURY CARDS FARMERS

The Didsbury Juniors journey to Cartair on Saturday afternoon to play a friendly game but the local boys returned to town with a score of 6-4 in their favor.

PRESBYTERIANS vs EVANGELICALS.

The best game of hockey amongst the juniors this year was played on Tuesday afternoon between teams representing the Presbyterian and the Evangelical Sunday School boys. The game was fast and the teams are pretty even matched in neither one having the upper hand, and they play extra ten minutes at a time. It is reported that Vere Wood was another Clark in goal; it was an impossibility for the opposing team to put one over on him in spite of the fine individual work of Herbie Clark.

Mr. Scott made an efficient referee and held the boys down well.

This is the line up:

Eves.....Goal

P. Scott.....Goal

C. Bellomy.....Point

C. Bellomy.....C. Point

S. Meyer.....Rover

R. Shantz.....Centre

C. Mortimer.....C. Mortimer

L. Ruby.....R. Wing

R. Shantz.....L. Wing

C. Rucker.....C. Suther

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Fire at Westcott

A fire which raged out everything at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Frakes, Westcott, on Wednesday night last. The family were all attending a lecture given by Rev. Mr. McLearn at the home of T. Murray when the alarm was sounded. The house first caught fire by some of the present a few minutes after the lecture started but it was over a mile from Mr. Murphy's to Frakes' house. The house was well afire before it was reached, and only the cook stove was saved. The family came up in rear of the fire, everyone looking on when they left the house. Mr. Frakes had rather hard luck in the last eight months, his barn burning down and losing some of his horses.

His friends and neighbors all turned out to help him, and finally until things are straightened out and a subscription was taken up which has provided them with the necessities for housekeeping. It is understood that there was no insurance on the place.

Band Matters

Editor Pioneer:

Allow me a little space in your valuable paper in regard to the Didsbury musical society, or rather the Didsbury Silver Band.

As a subscriber for the last two months I have noticed this society struggling for an existence only, and they have not worked in vain as they proved to us at the rink on Thursday night last.

"It is nice to have a band," they all say. While there is an interest lacking among some of the bandmen, it is nothing compared with the merchants and general public, but "oh, how they do like to hear the band play."

I think the merchants and contractors, and others could help this society considerably, not only financially, but in hiring help of any kind they could at the same time hire bandmen and then close their stores early enough to let those bandmen go to practice.

I would like to see the public generally take an interest in music for what would this world be without it.

INTERESTED ONLOOKER.

Its First Appearance.

The Didsbury Silver Band made its first appearance in public on Thursday night last at the skating rink. The strains of music were heard all over town and needless to say brought out quite a number of people to hear the first concert. The boys are doing exceedingly well considering that they have only been organized about two months and it is hoped that the merchants will show their appreciation of the band's efforts by not only giving their applause but also by allowing their employees who belong to the band their evenings off for practice.

Finances are not little low

and the town council could well afford to make them a grant since they have showed that they are in earnest.

The following list contains the names of the winners at the recent seed fair held in Didsbury; they are a little late but no doubt will be in time for the next ones.

1st placed Harley—R. Gibson 1st, D. Irwin 2nd, O. Stauffer 3rd.

2nd placed—B. Gibson 1st, D. Irwin 2nd, O. Stauffer 3rd.

3rd placed—J. Aenebus 1st; N. Clark and C. Burritt 2nd.

Soft wheat—C. C. Williams, 1st; B. Rosenburger, 2nd; O. Stauffer, 3rd.